

STATE OF MAINE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Docket No. 98-659

September 1, 1998

DIRIGO ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
Request for Extension of Filing
Deadline for Proposed Unbundled
Bills, Chapter 309 §4

ORDER APPROVING
EXTENSION

WELCH, Chairman; NUGENT, Commissioner

On August 21, 1998, Dirigo Electric Cooperative, Inc.¹ (Dirigo) filed a request for a 60-day extension of the September 1, 1998 deadline for submitting a sample, unbundled bill required by Chapter 309, §4 of the Commission's rules.

According to Dirigo, the extension is needed to allow time to create a single, unbundled bill to be used by all of its members. Dirigo is currently working with a consultant to design the sample unbundled bill and has indicated that it needs until September 9, 1998, to complete the task.

Pursuant to Section 7 of Chapter 309 of the Commission's rules, the Director of the Consumer Assistance Division (CAD) may grant waiver requests, provided that "good cause" exists for granting the waiver and the waiver is consistent with the intent of the rule.

Dirigo has demonstrated "good cause" for requesting a waiver of the September 1, 1998, filing deadline for unbundled bills and granting of Dirigo's waiver request is consistent with the intent of Chapter 309, §4.

Accordingly it is,

O R D E R E D

That Dirigo's request for an extension of the September 1, 1998 filing deadline for sample unbundled bills is hereby granted. **Dirigo must file a sample unbundled bill by September 9, 1998.** Eastern Maine Electric Cooperative (EMEC) is a Dirigo

¹ Dirigo Electric Cooperative members are: Eastern Maine Electric Cooperative; Fox Islands Electric Cooperative; Houlton Water Company; Kennebunk Light and Power District; Madison Electric Works; Swans Island Electric Cooperative; and Van Buren Light and Power District.

member, but is submitting its own sample unbundled bill and is, therefore, not included in this Order.

Dated at Augusta Maine, this 1st day of September, 1998.

BY ORDER OF THE DIRECTOR
OF THE CONSUMER ASSISTANCE DIVISION

Matthew F. Thayer

NOTICE OF RIGHTS TO REVIEW OR APPEAL

5 M.R.S.A. § 9061 requires the Public Utilities Commission to give each party to an adjudicatory proceeding written notice of the party's rights to review or appeal of its decision made at the conclusion of the adjudicatory proceeding. The methods of review or appeal of PUC decisions at the conclusion of an adjudicatory proceeding are as follows:

1. Reconsideration of the Commission's Order may be requested under Section 1004 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (65-407 C.M.R.110) within 20 days of the date of the Order by filing a petition with the Commission stating the grounds upon which reconsideration is sought.
2. Appeal of a final decision of the Commission may be taken to the Law Court by filing, within 30 days of the date of the Order, a Notice of Appeal with the Administrative Director of the Commission, pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. § 1320(1)-(4) and the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 73 et seq.
3. Additional court review of constitutional issues or issues involving the justness or reasonableness of rates may be had by the filing of an appeal with the Law Court, pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. § 1320(5).

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